



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
AMENDMENT # 7
RFP # 317.03-157.07

December 15, 2006

The subject RFP is hereby amended as follows.

A. The following RFP Schedule of Events updates or confirms scheduled RFP dates.

EVENT	TIME	DATE (<u>all</u> dates are state business days)	UPDATED/ CONFIRMED
1. State Issues RFP		October 17, 2006	CONFIRMED
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline		October 20, 2006	CONFIRMED
3. Pre-proposal Conference	1:00 p.m.	October 24, 2006	CONFIRMED
4. Notice of Intent to Propose Deadline		October 25, 2006	CONFIRMED
5. Written Comments Deadline Related to Initial Mandatory Qualifications and Software Demonstrations		October 25, 2006	CONFIRMED
6. State Responds to Written Comments Related to Initial Mandatory Qualifications and Software Demonstrations		October 30, 2006	CONFIRMED
7. Initial Mandatory Qualifications Deadline	2:00 p.m.	November 1, 2006	CONFIRMED
8. State Completes Evaluation of Initial Mandatory Qualifications and Issues Notices		November 8, 2006	CONFIRMED
9. Software Demonstrations		Nov. 28 – Dec. 6, 2006	CONFIRMED
10. Final Written Comments Deadline		December 8, 2006	CONFIRMED
11. State Completes Evaluation of Software Demonstration and Requirements and Issues Notices		December 15, 2006	CONFIRMED
12. State Responds to Final Written Comments		December 15, 2006	CONFIRMED

EVENT	TIME	DATE (all dates are state business days)	UPDATED/ CONFIRMED
13. Proposal Deadline	2:00 p.m.	December 28, 2006	CONFIRMED
14. State Completes Technical Proposal Evaluations		January 16, 2007	CONFIRMED
15. State Opens Cost Proposals and Calculates Scores	9:00 a.m.	January 17, 2007	CONFIRMED
16. State Issues Evaluation Notice <u>and</u> Opens RFP Files for Public Inspection	9:00 a.m.	January 19, 2007	CONFIRMED
17. Contract Signing		January 31, 2007	CONFIRMED
18. Contract Signature Deadline		February 7, 2007	CONFIRMED
Letter of Credit Deadline		February 8, 2007	DELETED
19. Contract Start Date		February 13, 2007	CONFIRMED

B. The following State responses to the questions detailed shall amend or clarify this RFP accordingly.

QUESTION/COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
Note: in the questions that follow, any vendor's restatement of the text of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is for reference purposes only and shall not be construed to change the original RFP wording.	
1. Our secondary concern with the deadline of the AS/GS requirements is that depending on your demonstration date, Proposers had more or less time to complete this section. Would you consider re-evaluating RS/GS requirements based on what is submitted with the final proposal?	<p>No. As described in the State's response to Amendment 6, Item 25 above, the deadline for the Proposer to submit its responses to RFP Attachments 6.11 and 6.12 was the day of that Proposer's software demonstration.</p> <p>The requirements of Attachments 6.11 and 6.12 were distributed to the vendors as a part of the RFP on October 17, 2006. Software Demonstrations did not begin until November 28, 2006. All vendors had access to the requirements for at least six weeks prior to their demonstration dates.</p> <p>In accordance with RFP Section 5.2.3, the State assigned the Software Demonstration dates in a random fashion, to ensure fairness. The Software Demonstration timeframe only spanned six days. Therefore, any date offset is negligible, given the length of time the vendors had access to the requirements prior to the software demonstrations.</p>

<p>2. The State received a clarification question regarding the line of credit amount and if a bond was acceptable instead of the line of credit.</p> <p>The question is paraphrased here. It cannot be reproduced exactly as written since the vendor's wording could compromise the competitive nature of the procurement.</p>	<p>As stated in RFP Attachment 6.3, Item A.6, the letter of commitment from a financial institution for a general line of credit will be used as "documentation of financial responsibility and stability" of the Proposer. The Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000) amount is the standard amount required by the State for this item. The amount is not based on the estimated value of the resulting contract. A line of credit <u>is not intended</u> as a source of compensation to the State in the event of contractor non-performance.</p> <p>The State includes a performance bond (or a surety deposit in lieu of a performance bond) in contracts to guarantee full and faithful performance of all undertakings and obligations under the contract. The bond amount is based on the maximum liability of the contract and <u>is intended</u> as a potential source of compensation in the event of contractor non-performance.</p> <p>RFP # 317.03-157.07 Applicant Services Solution and the associated 6.1 <i>Pro Forma</i> Contract do not include a performance bond.</p> <p><u>RFP Attachment 6.3, Item A.6, bullet 5, which requires a letter of commitment from a financial institution for a general line of credit in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), will not be changed.</u> However, the Letter of Credit Deadline in the RFP Schedule of Events has been deleted as the letter of commitment from a financial institution for a general line of credit must be delivered to the State with the Technical Proposal.</p>
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- C. RFP section 1.5.5 states in part: "The RFP Coordinator must receive all written comments, including questions and requests for clarification, no later than the Final Written Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events."

VENDORS ARE REMINDED THAT THE FINAL WRITTEN COMMENTS DEADLINE HAS PASSED.